

Vandals go on rampage

Oceanography smashed

by Nancy Kingsbury
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Oceanography research at McGill will likely be proceeding at a slower rate for the next while because of a break-in by vandals at the Institute of Oceanography's Eaton Building on the east side of campus.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night several people broke into the building and went on a rampage, breaking into different rooms, damaging microscopes and cameras, stealing money from the Xerox fund, and even defecating on the floor. In addition, a used condom was deposited in the coffee room.

According to Professor Brian Marcotte of the Institute, all the faculty offices were broken into with some of the doors being broken in half. Classrooms suf-

fered less damage though, having only the door windows smashed.

"It's totally, totally gross," said Marcotte. "This has the emotional impact of a rape."

The damage was discovered by the building janitor at approximately 6:30 a.m. yesterday morning. Montréal city police were called to the scene as well as campus security. A damage report from the former is scheduled for release today.

Director of the Institute, Grant Ingram, says damage to equipment will affect the rate of progress of research but classes will continue as scheduled.

Despite an apparent lack of security, Sam Kingdon, Director of the McGill Physical Plant, says that security guards do in fact go through all the

campus buildings at night. "No cutbacks have been made in the evening security force", said Kingdon.

Kingdon went on to say that the incident must have occurred between the nightly security checks of the building.

Marcotte reported that other incidents of vandalism have occurred at McGill this year. Kingdon, however, said that there has been no increase in vandalism at the university. Except, he added, at the Queens-McGill football game here last weekend.

A list of the damage is still being compiled, and according to Kingdon, replacement of damaged equipment and repairs are "anticipated soon."

There are no suspects in the break-in as of yet.

Ottawa Hillel gets the boot

by Nancy D. Kingsbury and
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Hillel House at the University of Ottawa is in danger of being thrown off the campus for being a "Zionist" group.

At their July 7, 1982 meeting, the Central Coordinating Committee (CCC) of the Student Federation at the University of Ottawa passed a resolution condemning the state of Israel and Zionist ideology. In addition, the CCC stated that they were opposed to any groups who were identified as having "politics that go in the same direction (as the state of Israel)".

The resolution went on to declare "we denounce the Israeli aggression against the Lebanese and Palestinian people which originated from the expansionist aims of Israel and their racist policies towards Palestinians."

"The state of Israel is Zionist; Zionism is racism," the resolution concluded.

The constitution of the Hillel House for 1982 is currently being reviewed by the Student Federation. Unlike previous years, the 1982 constitution makes no mention of Hillel's support for the cause of Zionism. The new constitution only states that Hillel "supports and encourages support for the state of Israel."

In their 1980 constitution, however, Hillel included the clause "(we) support Zionist ambitions."

Such a clause in 1982 would exclude Hillel House from gain-

ing recognition as a student group. Recognition also includes funding from the Student Federation and the right to book rooms for meetings, and schedule speakers.

Mark Zerecki, staff member at McGill Hillel House, said in response to the action at the Univ. of Ottawa, "I disagree with the concept that Zionism is racism. It is simply the advocacy of the right of the Jews to have a homeland."

"That's no more racist than the Québécois, or any other ethnic group wanting to have a homeland", Zerecki said. "The action (by the Univ. of Ottawa Student Federation) sounds racist to me", concluded Zerecki.

Women's group stops strip shows in village bar

by Mike Ungar

Members of the Cheneville branch of L'Association Feminine D'Education et D'Action Social (AFEAS) have stopped two men from staging pornographic performances in a bar soon to be built in this small Québec village.

The Piano Bar Salon Chez Pierre has verbally agreed not to stage nude dancing shows. The owner's licence application was challenged by AFEAS members when the proprietors let it be known that they were hoping to have pornographic entertainment.

Speaking at a hearing before the provincial liquor commis-

sion, the government body responsible for granting permits for live performances, the lawyer for the bar proprietors, Michèle Lafreniere, agreed not to have pornographic shows but did not rule out erotic performances.

Hospitals feeling cutbacks pain

by David Bornstein

Under the provisions of Québec's Loi 70 hundreds of Québec hospital employees will be forced to take major wage reductions at the end of this year. Patient care can only suf-

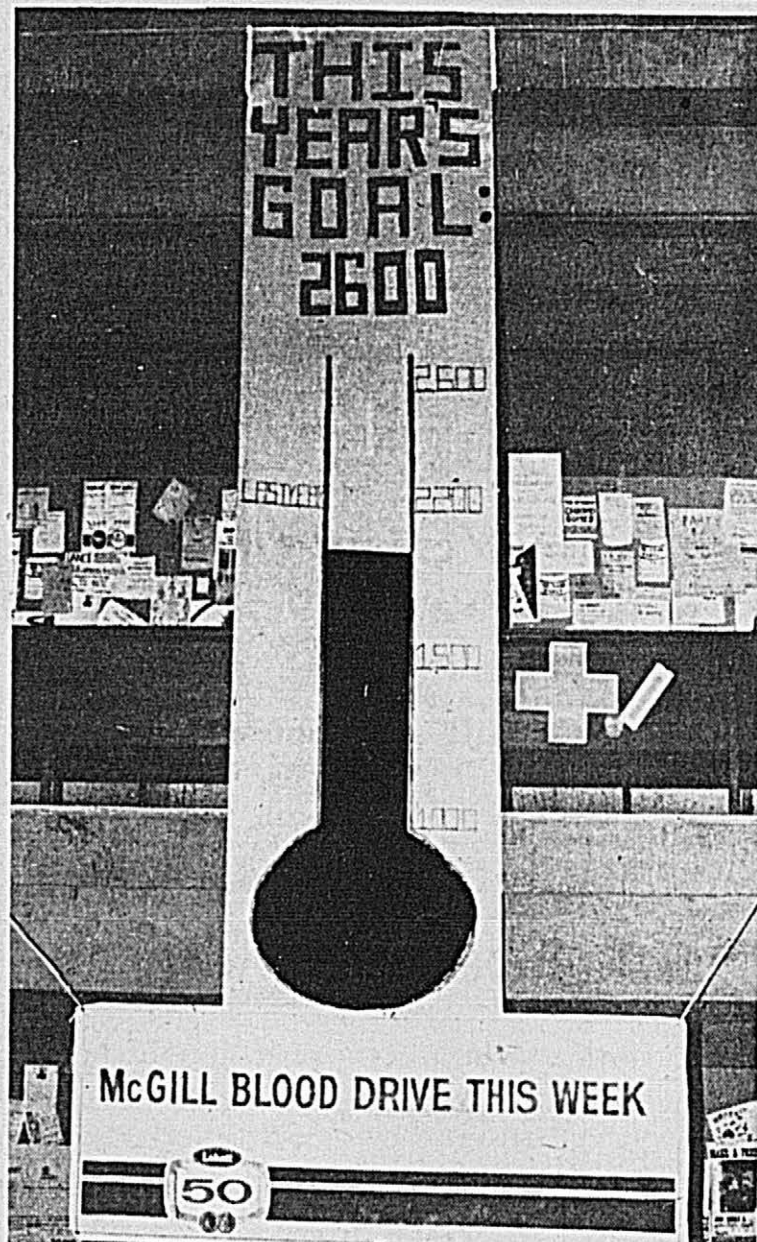
fer as a result of provincial cutbacks and lay-offs.

Effective January 1, 1983, Québec nurses and hospital service employees will be subject to an average 19 per cent wage decrease. The cuts will begin after an agreement guaranteeing salary increases for hospital employees expires on December 31, 1982.

Hospitals are being forced to cut costs in accordance with the government "Budget Attainment Program" initiated last April. Budget requirements are to be met by March 31, the end of this fiscal year and the program sets out different budget and service reductions for each hospital.

The wage cuts represent an average reduction of \$70 per week. This is a setback to 1979 figures. A nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital said, "Soon I'll be earning less money than I did when I started nursing three years ago."

These salary cuts are just one aspect of the government's cutbacks program. The Royal Vic-



1950 pints of blood have been collected so far in this year's bleeding extravaganza. That means 650 have to be collected today to meet this year's target. Give blood. There's nothing else to do on Friday anyways.

toria Hospital, in its efforts to comply with a \$4.3 million decrease in government funding, has laid off more than 500 workers this year — mostly service employees.

Although the Royal Victoria Hospital has yet to clamp down on bed space, many other hospitals have done so. Recently, the Montréal General Hospital closed its entire obstetrics ward.

On October 1, the Queen Elisabeth, Sacred Heart, Reddy Memorial and Jewish General Hospitals will lose their laundries. The job will be done by an outside service and will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs.

Hospital administrators are caught in a financial bind. Québec banks are instructed not to lend money to hospitals unless authorized by the government. In many cases (as with the Royal Victoria and Montréal General hospitals) the government will pay off the interest and principle of prior loans to the hospital, under the condi-

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